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Dear Wendell:

New ideas and new concepts for governing seldom surface. Even more rare is their expression into formal resolutions, ordinances, plans and laws.

It is a pleasure to commend you for advancing two ideas and their conceptual frameworks. They were: A Drought Safety Standard and immigration reform.

Accept my gratitude for introducing me to the merits of the Drought Safety Standard as a planning devise, not only to control growth in an orderly fashion, but also to give reasonable assurance to current surface water users that water restrictions would not become a permanent way of life.

As you know, I championed the idea of the the Drought Safety Standard and it became a part of the 1994 updated Placer County General Plan. This Drought Safety Standard is the first in California and the United States. The standard is based on the water available in our reservoirs at the lowest point of a four-year drought (1928-1933 is the bench mark). It limits population growth of an area served from those reservoirs to assure each family one acre foot of water per year. No Water -- No Development. New development in the unincorporated areas will not take water from current users. Unfortunately, the cities in Placer County do not have such a planning tool.

Such a common sense proposal now offers planners a means to provide orderly population growth. Water is the nutrient of population growth and now we have the means to monitor population fairly. With time, Placer County will be credited with taking the vital leadership role in a new concept which has implications, not only for California, but may have national and worldwide applications.

Population growth attributed to both legal and illegal

immigration has been an important component of California's 38 to 44 per cent annual growth. In this regard, your brilliant insight into the relationship of the water problems of the State and a burgeoning population due in large measure to legal and illegal immigrants is commendable.

You called my attention to those collateral issues in your August 3, 1992 letter to me. It was a crystal ball of the future saying, "... As you can see, a major key to solving the state's explosive growth, diminishing water supply, and hemorrhaging finances is to reduce the flow of illegal immigrants now pouring over the State's borders which in turn are overwhelming the State's resources, both natural and financial...". In that letter you suggested a resolution the Placer County Board of Supervisors adopt urging the State legislature to recommend to the U. S. Congress to enact legislation to stop illegal immigration and to reduce legal immigrants to 300,000 persons a year into the U.S.

As a result of your suggestion on immigration reform, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, under my leadership, adopted Resolution 92-250 in 1992, on a 3-2 vote and resolution 93-248 in 1993, on a 5-0 vote. Those resolutions were the first of their kind in the United States and calls upon the California Legislature to request that the U.S. Congress provide a secure border against illegal immigrants, enforce sanctions on employers of illegal immigrants and to enact legislation to reduce legal immigration to 300,000 persons a year into the U.S. Through my building of consensus, the 58 member California State Association of Counties adopted most of the Placer resolutions, and no doubt played a large role in Governor Wilson's steadfast resolve that the federal government secure the borders and pay for the costs borne by California due to illegal immigrants.


Interestingly, the Placer County Immigration Resolutions (now referred throughout California as the Placer Resolution) states, "... California's population growth has already outstripped the State's finite water resources; and California's population is projected to increase to 35 million by the year 2000, 43 million by 2020 and 48 million by 2035...". We now know those projections were understated. The population is projected by the State Finance Department to be 63 million by the year 2035.

Your two ideas and conceptual frameworks have become guiding principles for elected officials and their staffs. They point

out that we, as a society, are faced with the need to increase the water supply to satisfy the population growth or we must restrict the population growth to protect the diminishing water supply or a combination of both. The Drought Safety Standard and the Placer Resolution says it all. What more can I say!

Wendell, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and through you, the people of Placer County. It is my hope that those who follow me will be as responsive as I to people of vision and a concern for a better quality of life here. In a sense, together, we have served all of the people of the United States America.

Sincerely,


Phil Ozenick

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

A RESOLUTION REVISING
RESOLUTION 92-250 IN
SUPPORT OF LIMITATION OF
IMMIGRANTS INTO THE
UNITED STATES.

Resol. No: 93-248

Ord. No:

First Reading:

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held August 3, 1993
by the following vote on roll-call:

Ayes: FERREIRA, LICHAU, UHLER, BLOOMFIELD, OZENICK

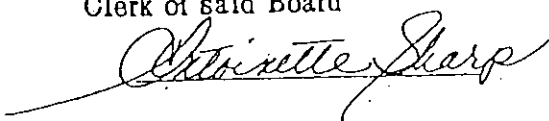
Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board



WHEREAS, California's population increased by over 6 million, or 24 percent, during the 1980's, to its current total of 30 million; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of California's population growth from 1980 to 1990 was due to legal and illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, California has been the leading state of residence for new immigrants every year since 1976, and currently receives a third of all immigrants who come to the United States; and

WHEREAS, California population is projected to increase to 35 million by the year 2000, 43 million by 2020, and 48 million by 2035; and

WHEREAS, California's population growth continues to contribute to environmental degradation and pollution; and

WHEREAS, California's population growth has already outstripped the state's finite water resources; and

WHEREAS, California had a \$14.3 billion budget deficit in 1992 and faces a \$9 billion budget deficit in 1993; and

WHEREAS, increased legal and illegal immigrations will impose additional tax burdens on state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, California is expected to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in anticipated federal funds for newly legalized immigrants and refugees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wilson has stated that California's budget problems are in part caused by a growing refugee and immigrant population that heavily affects schools and health and welfare services; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of all refugees in California receive some form of public assistance; and

WHEREAS, increased numbers of illegal workers threaten fair job competition for legal workers; and

WHEREAS, legal immigration was set at 186,000 prior to 1986, then increased to 1,860,000 in 1986 to allow for amnesty illegals. 300,000 is a reasonable figure by CAPS and FAIR.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby express our support to reduce total legal immigration to 300,000 per year, and secure United States borders through legislative authorization, adequate appropriations and the effective enforcement of employer sanctions.